

April 9

Dear Mom & Dad,

We read about the storm that caused so much damage in Vancouver - it certainly was unusual. Our spring hasn't really come yet; in fact it snowed yesterday! Wednesday it was 75° and Saturday it never got above freezing. Today it is clear and a little warmer. The snow flurries spoiled the Cherry Blossom parade and ruined the blossoms that had come out - there are a lot of chilly tourists in Washington.

We signed the papers on our land Wednesday. We got 11.6 acres for about

\$1300/acre. Near us 29 acres
first sold for \$1500/acre so
my partner and I think
we got a good deal. There
are already people at work
who want to look at it
as a possible homesite. That
reminds me to tell you
that George McHaven must
not be elected. He wants
to increase taxes on capital
gains and naturally we are
against that!

Next weekend we are
going to a play at Ford's
theatre with some friends on
Saturday. Then on Sunday
we are going to a ballet
at the Kennedy center. Afterward
we will eat at a French

restaurant to celebrate my
birthday.

I have a good plan
for next April. We want
to go to Paris and I
think you should go to
Europe also. We will
spend a week in Paris
and then meet you in
Sweden for a few days.
Then Vickie and I will
take you over to
Leningrad and show you
around! It really isn't
far - think about it,

Jim
